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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT ITS NOVEMBER 25 AND 28 MEETINGS, THE AD HOC GROUP (AHG) DISCUSSED AND APPROVED A REPORT TO NAC ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS; (TEXT IN REFTEL). FOLLOWING NOV 26 WORKING GROUP REVIEW, THE AHG QUICKLY APPROVED SECTIONS II-V OF THE REPORT, WHICH CONTAIN A FACTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT ROUND. GROUP DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON THE REPORT'S "SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS", AND PARTICULARLY ON PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7, WHICH SET OUT POSSIBLE FUTURE COURSE OF ACTION FOR THE ALLIES IN

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VIENNA. THE GROUP ALSO ADDED A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE NOV 26 EASTERN

MANPOWER FREEZE PROPOSAL, IN PARAGRAPHS 4, 17 AND 35, WHICH MAKE CLEAR THAT THAT PROPOSAL IS CONTRARY TO WESTERN INTERESTS. HOWEVER, UK AND FRG REPS INDICATED IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF AN ALLIED COUNTER-PROPOSAL RATHER THAN AN IMMEDIATE REJECTION OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL. OTHER ASPECTS OF NOV 25 AND 28 AHG MEETINGS WERE REPORTED IN MBFR VIENNA 458 AND 460. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING AHG REVIEW OF DRAFT REPORT TO NAC, NO SIGNIFICANT DISAGREEMENTS EMERGED REGARDING THE SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. SOME DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH WERE IN EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, CONCERNING PROSPECTS FOR THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND REGARDING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE FUTURE ALLIED COURSES OF ACTION.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, AHG ATTENTION CENTERED ON PARAS 6 AND 7 OF THE REPORT. PARA 7 BROADLY POSITS THE OPTIONS OF: (A) CONTINUING TO ELABORATE DETAILS OF THE PRESENT ALLIED POSITION WHILE MAINTAINING ITS SUBSTANTIAL ELEMENTS, OR (B) ADDING FURTHER ELEMENTS TO THE ALLIED REDUCTION PROPOSALS FOR WESTERN REDUCTIONS AS AN INDUCEMENT TO THE EAST TO ACCEPT THE ALLIED NEGOTIATING GOALS.

4. DURING LENGTHY AHG EXAMINATION OF THESE SUBJECTS, UK REP (ROSE) SOUGHT TO SOFTEN SOME OF THE ASPECTS OF THE ANALYSIS REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE PROGRESS. ROSE SAID THAT, GIVEN THE ADDITION OF "FURTHER ELEMENTS" TO THE ALLIED POSITION AND POSSIBLE FAVORABLE FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON NON-MBFR EAST-WEST ISSUES, SUCH AS CSCE AND SALT, PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS MIGHT BRIGHTEN, PERHAPS IN THE SPRING. FRG REP (BEHREND), ON THE OTHER HAND, ARGUED THAT THE SOVIETS IN FACT APPEARED QUITE WILLING TO WAIT THE WEST OUT IN VIENNA, AND TO TIE PROGRESS TO EVENTUAL ALLIED AGREEMENT ON EASTERN TERMS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME UTILIZING THE PUBLIC RELATIONS LINE THAT THEIR LATEST PROPOSALS CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT "COMPROMISES".

5. ACTING ITALIAN REP (TALIANI) SAID THAT COMPLICATED NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EAST NEVER MOVED SWIFTLY AND THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD KEEP THEIR PATIENCE AND NOT LOSE HOPE FOR EVENTUAL PROGRESS. HE NOTED THE RECENT LONDON ECONOMIST ARTICLE WHICH STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE WEST TO HAVE GREATER

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STAYING POWER IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS. FOR THIS REASON, TALIANI MAINTAINED THAT PARAS 6 AND 7 SHOULD NOT BE PHRASED IN UNDULY PESSIMISTIC TERMS.

6. US REP HELD THAT PARAS 6 AND 7 ACCURATELY REFLECTED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN VIENNA AND THE GROUP'S ASSESSMENT OF IT, BASED ON EVIDENCE AVAILABLE HERE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED ROSE'S POINT THAT NON-MBFR FACTORS COULD INFLUENCE

THE COURSE OF THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS. BUT US REP STRESSED THE IMPORTANT AHG RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESENT NAC, AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE, WITH ITS EVALUATION OF THE NEGOTIATING SITUATION AS SEEN FROM VIENNA, RATHER THAN TO ATTEMPT TO FATHOM THE POSSIBLE INFLUENCE OF OUTSIDE FACTORS.

7. WHEN THE AHG MET ON NOVEMBER 28 TO GIVE THE NAC REPORT TEXT ITS FINAL REVIEW, ROSE AND BEHRENDT SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS BELIEVED THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT REJECT OUT OF HAND THE NOV 26 EASTERN MILITARY MANPOWER FREEZE PROPOSAL. ROSE AND BEHRENDT BOTH SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES WERE THINKING, ON A PRELIMINARY BASIS, IN TERMS OF MAKING A COUNTER-PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD AVOID THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF THE EASTERN DRAFT. THE UK AND FRG REPS BOTH ENDORSED THE INITIAL GROUP CONSENSUS, REACHED AT THE NOV 26 AHG MEETING (MBFR VIENNA 459), THAT THE EASTERN PROPOSAL WAS CONTRARY TO ALLIED INTERESTS, AND AGREED TO ADD PARAS 4, 17 AND 35 TO THE AHG REPORT TO NAC TO REFLECT THAT CONSENSUS. HOWEVER, THE UK, FRG AND OTHER REPS WANTED TO ASSURE THAT THE NEW LANGUAGE ON THE EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL WAS NOT COUCHED IN TERMS WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE SUBSEQUENT ALLIED DECISIONS ON THAT PROPOSAL.

8. THE AHG AGREED THAT THE WORDING OF THE REPORT TO NAC SHOULD LEAVE OPEN TACTICAL OPTIONS REGARDING THE PROPOSED MANPOWER FREEZE. RESOR

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